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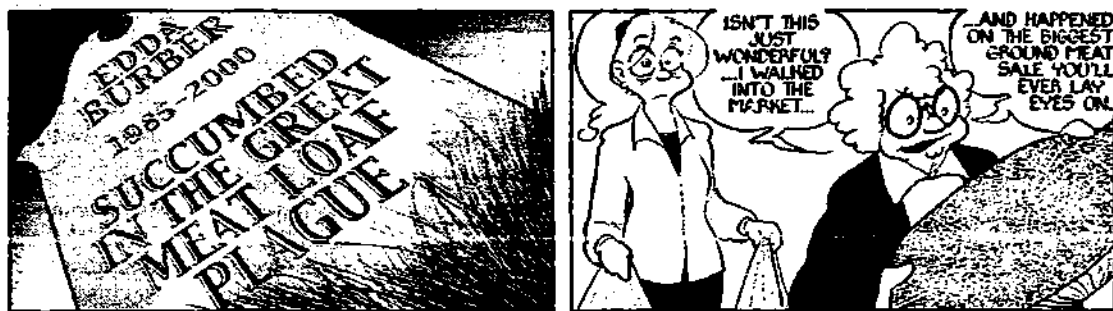
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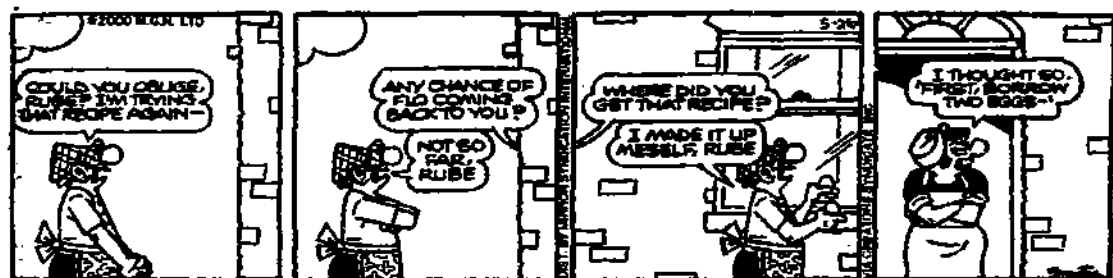
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



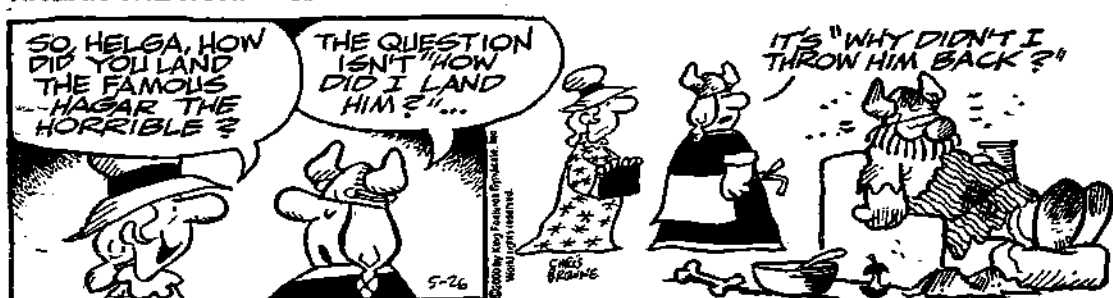
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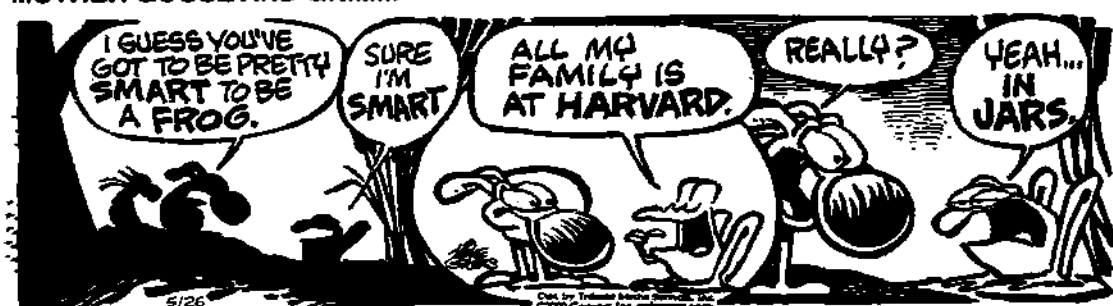
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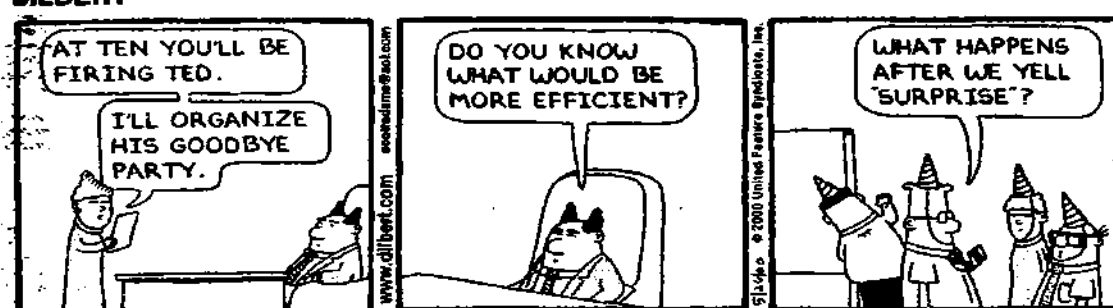
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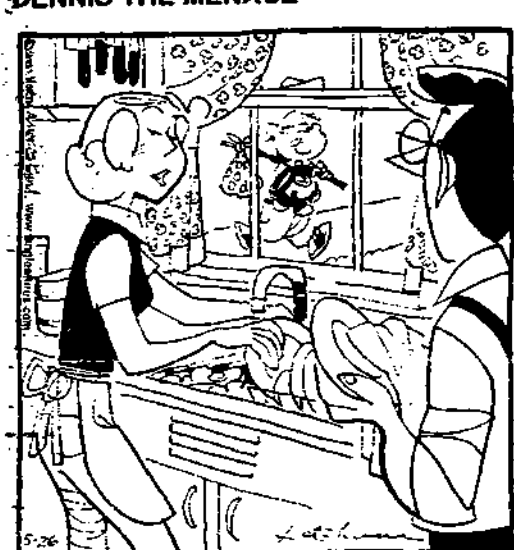
MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE

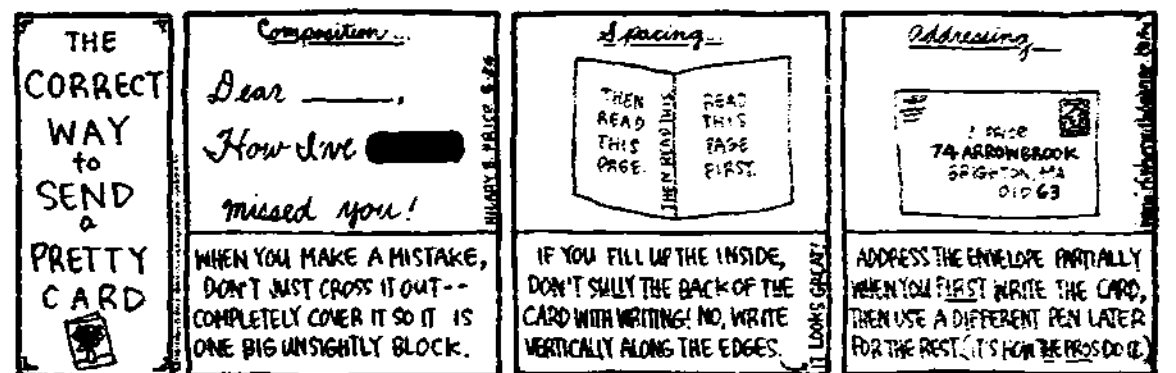


FAMILY CIRCUS



Billy portrays Daddy rehearsing his retorts at his roast.

RHYMES WITH ORANGE



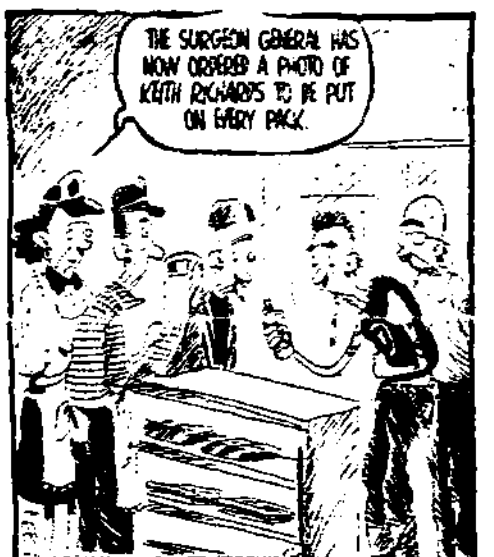
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Singer Peggy Lee is 80. Actor James Arness is 77. Actor Alec McCowen is 75. Opera singer Teresa Stratas is 61. Sportscaster Brent Musberger is 61. Rock singer-musician Levon Helm (The Band) is 58. Rock musician Garry Peterson (Guess Who) is 55. Singer Stevie Nicks is 52. Actor Philip Michael Thomas is 51. Actress Pam Grier is 51. Country singer Hank Williams Jr. is 51.

I NEED HELP



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11	T	N	W	S	G	E
1	U	J	R	N	I	Y
E	L	N	Z	Y	A	A
1	R	T	O	G	N	I

PAR SCORE 110-120 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" cubes as any letter have no point value. A 1,300's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). © 2000 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

WORDS WITH A "ROSE"

EEBYVNTQOLDIGDD
BTYWREPTRPOMKIN
FDUEOURBYWOUESO
QOMCSRIKIFWNSDC
BEZXEOMETTESORE
WUSSMSRQOSSNROS
LIHOAEOTOFODESO
CAYWRSSRXVRTBER
SQPNYCELPKAKUBC
IHFECKUBZYDWTUI
VUSETAESOROMRDM

Thursday's unaltered clue: ICING

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Friday's unaltered clue hint: 1 MILLIONTH OF A SECOND

Aross	Neuroses	Roseate	Rosewood
Dextrose	Primrose	Rosebud	Succrose
Kerosene	Prosa	Rosemary	Tuberosa
Morose	Prosecute	Rosette	

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HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, May 27

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Finding support is easy if you know where to look.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be on the lookout for someone who is only trying to push your buttons.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You can come to some very powerful conclusions if you allow yourself to listen to your inner voice.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) When making decisions, think with your head instead of with your heart.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) An experiment could teach you a valuable lesson.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You can come up with the right solution if you think about it long enough.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Spend time with friends and family members as much as possible.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) An urge to change your surroundings is powerful.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You are able to understand even the most complicated problems.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) This is a good day for you to think about making some small changes.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Your communication skills are greatly enhanced as the moon moves through Pisces.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Take some time to do the things you've been putting off lately.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

Professor Haywire played in four spades, doubled and redoubled. West led the diamond king and shifted to the heart deuce. East won his heart ace, cashed his club ace, and then tried his king. Haywire ruffed the club king and cashed his trump ace. After cashing the king and queen of hearts, Haywire ruffed a heart in dummy. All East could do was follow suit. Haywire scored another top, scoring 880 points. Against a more predictable player, East may well have found the winning defense. What clues did East miss? Haywire's bidding suggests he has seven solid spades. With West holding the top diamonds, and with all three top club honors in view, East should realize that Haywire's minor-suit losers can go nowhere. Only one or more heart losers can evaporate. Therefore, instead of cashing any clubs, East should return a heart at trick three. West gets a vital ruff, reaping a 200-point set instead of an 880-point loss. This translates to a top for East-West. East's misery was obvious as Haywire recorded the score. It got even worse when East realized that a trump shift at trick two (or a heart duck) could have netted the defenders a 600-point penalty.

NORTH		4250
♠ 72	♠ J84	
♥ 653	♥ A J 10 9 8	
♦ J 6 12	♦ Q 8 3	
♣ Q 10 5 2	♣ A K	
WEST		
♠ 3	♠ J 8 4	
♥ 2	♥ A J 10 9 8	
♦ A K 10 7 5	♦ Q 8 3	
♣ J 9 8 7 4 3	♣ A K	
SOUTH		
♠ A K Q 10 9 6 3	♠ J 8 4	
♥ K Q 7 4	♥ A J 10 9 8	
♦ 9	♦ Q 8 3	
♣ 6	♣ A K	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: East
The bidding:
East 1♥ South West North
1♥ 4♠ Pass Pass
Dbl. Rdbl. All pass
Opening lead: Diamond king

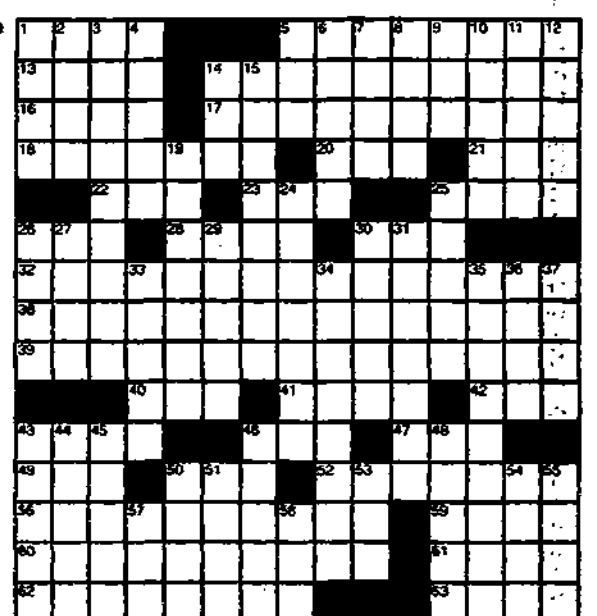
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0414

- ACROSS**
- signum (here is the proof)
 - Surprise birth
 - Norse saint
 - Tyro
 - It smells great
 - Well source
 - Less thick
 - Funnyman Philips
 - Country butter
 - Math degree
 - Former sports org.
 - Grub
 - Abbr. on some mail
 - Verdi villain
 - German phone book section
 - Ottawa official
 - Sled puller
 - Techies
 - "on my bed my limbs I lay": Coleridge
 - If inflated in England
 - Use a shuttle
 - A great many
 - Dogmatic conclusion?
 - Electrical unit
 - Squeeze (out)
 - Yes and no follower
 - Utmost
 - Not local
 - One of the Oceanides, in Greek myth
 - Spies
 - Bottom lines
 - Parts of airplane wings
 - Sign language pioneer Abbe de l'
- DOWN**
- A long time to wait
 - Hootbeat
 - Rakes
 - Flip
 - Go (for)
 - Bob's place
 - What-you-may-call-it?
 - Gay Talese's "the Sons"
 - School tie?
 - Start of a fall
 - Big success
 - Bursts at the seams
 - Wow
 - Ideals
 - Layabout
 - Gets organized
 - Other side
 - Foreign titles
 - Cal
 - Make _____ for oneself
 - Like some consonants, in phonetics
 - Ready for trouble
 - Best bass-baritone Simon

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ARIZ ABBA DUBAI
MODI TURN AUBUS
ITLL HOOT SMASH
SHELLEY WINTERS
IAN EAR
COLORADO SPRINGS
OMENS ONEAD AOL
REPS DRILL ANNE
AGE JUICE ARCED
LAWRENCE SUMMERS
ESC SOY
HORSESHOE FALLS
TOMIE HAYS NOAH
ISAAC ETTU TOTO
LEND A SHOP SKEW



Puzzle by Martin Ashwood-Smith

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| 34 Moon on which Heinlein's "Farmer in the Sky" is set | 45 Kind of nut | 53 Tic-tac-toe side |
| 35 Prepares, as grub | 46 Avant-gardist Robert | 54 Charades, essentially |
| 36 Lead-in to boy or girl | 48 Take off | 55 Peacefulness |
| 37 First word on a military memorial | 50 Take off | 57 Pique condition? |
| 43 Niccolò Paganini's birthplace | 51 Obsessed with | 58 E.R. inserts |
| 44 Relative of a giraffe | | |

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